

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT**
4 **OF 2011.**

5 (a) **TITLE AMENDMENT.**—The title heading of title
6 IV of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112–

1 25) is amended by inserting “, **JOB CREATION,**
2 **AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**” after “**DEFICIT**
3 **REDUCTION**”.

4 (b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF JOINT SELECT COM-
5 MITTEE.—Section 401 of the Budget Control Act of 2011
6 (Public Law 112–25) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, Job
9 Creation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit
10 Reduction”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) FULL EMPLOYMENT.—The term ‘full em-
13 ployment ’ means a national unemployment rate of
14 not greater than 5.5 percent, as determined by the
15 Bureau of Labor Statistics.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, Job
18 Creation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit
19 Reduction”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
22 ing “GOAL” and inserting “GOALS”;

23 (ii) by striking “goal” and inserting
24 “goals”; and

1 (iii) by inserting before the period
2 “and to spur economic growth and restore
3 the Nation’s workforce to full employment
4 over the period of fiscal years 2012 and
5 2013”;

6 (C) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by inserting
7 “and significantly improve the short-term and
8 long-term employment levels in the United
9 States and spur economic growth” before the
10 period;

11 (D) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by striking
12 “reduce the deficit consistent with the goal”
13 and inserting “reduce the deficit and improve
14 employment levels consistent with the goal”;
15 and

16 (E) in paragraph (3)(B)—

17 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
18 striking “REPORT” and inserting “RE-
19 PORTS”;

20 (ii) in clause (i)—

21 (I) in subclause (I), by inserting
22 “with respect to deficit reduction”
23 after “recommendations of the joint
24 committee”;

1 (II) by striking “and” at the end
2 of subclause (I);

3 (III) by striking the period at the
4 end of subclause (II) and inserting a
5 semicolon;

6 (IV) by inserting after subclause
7 (II) the following new subclauses:

8 “(III) a report that contains a
9 detailed statement of the findings,
10 conclusions, and recommendations of
11 the joint committee with respect to
12 economic growth and job creation and
13 the estimate of the Joint Economic
14 Committee required by paragraph
15 (5)(D)(ii); and

16 “(IV) separate proposed legisla-
17 tive language to carry out such rec-
18 ommendations as described in sub-
19 clause (III) with respect to job cre-
20 ation measures, which shall include a
21 statement of the job creation achieved
22 by the legislation over the period of
23 fiscal years 2012 and 2013.”; and

24 (V) by striking “Rules of the
25 Senate included in the report or legis-

1 lative” and inserting “Rules of the
2 Senate included in either report or set
3 of legislative”;

4 (iii) in clause (ii), by striking “The re-
5 port of the joint committee and the pro-
6 posed” and inserting “Each report of the
7 joint committee and set of proposed”;

8 (iv) in clause (iii), by striking “ap-
9 proval of the report” and inserting “ap-
10 proval of the reports”;

11 (v) in clause (iv)—

12 (I) by striking “If the report and
13 legislative language” the first place it
14 appears and inserting “If either re-
15 port and set of legislative language”;
16 and

17 (II) by striking “the joint com-
18 mittee report” and inserting “that
19 joint committee report”; and

20 (vi) in clause (v)—

21 (I) by striking “disapproval of
22 the joint committee report and” and
23 inserting “disapproval of either joint
24 committee report and set of”;

1 (II) by striking “the full report
2 and” and inserting “that full report
3 and set of”; and

4 (III) by striking “vote” and in-
5 serting “votes”.

6 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO EXPE-
7 DITED CONSIDERATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE REC-
8 OMMENDATIONS.—Section 402 of the Budget Control Act
9 of 2011 (Public Law 112–25) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by striking “If approved by the major-
12 ity” and all that follows through “section
13 401(b)(3)(B)(iv)” and insert the following:

14 “(1) APPROVED DEFICIT REDUCTION LEGISLA-
15 TIVE LANGUAGE.—If approved by the majority re-
16 quired by section 401(b)(3)(B)(ii), the proposed leg-
17 islative language described in clause (i)(II) of section
18 401(b)(1)(B) and submitted pursuant to clause (iv)
19 of such section”.

20 (B) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(2) JOB CREATION LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—

22 “(A) IF APPROVED.—If approved by the
23 majority required by section 2(b)(3)(B)(ii), the
24 proposed legislative language described in
25 clause (i)(IV) of section 401(b)(1)(B) submitted

1 pursuant to clause (iv) of such section shall be
2 introduced in the Senate (by request) on the
3 next day on which the Senate is in session by
4 the majority leader of the Senate or by a Mem-
5 ber of the Senate designated by the majority
6 leader of the Senate and shall be introduced in
7 the House of Representatives (by request) on
8 the next legislative day by the majority leader
9 of the House or by a Member of the House des-
10 ignated by the majority leader of the House.

11 “(B) IF NOT APPROVED.—If no legislative
12 language is approved by the vote required by
13 section 401(b)(3)(B)(i), then any legislative lan-
14 guage that was brought to a vote under such
15 section shall be introduced in the Senate (by re-
16 quest) on the next day on which the Senate is
17 in session by the majority leader of the Senate
18 or by a Member of the Senate designated by the
19 majority leader of the Senate and shall be in-
20 troduced in the House of Representatives (by
21 request) on the next legislative day by the ma-
22 jority leader of the House or by a Member of
23 the House designated by the majority leader of
24 the House.”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
3 “the joint committee bill” and inserting
4 “either joint committee bill”;

5 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking
6 “the joint committee bill” and inserting “a
7 joint committee bill”; and

8 (iii) in the last sentence, by striking
9 “the joint committee bill” and inserting
10 “that joint committee bill”;

11 (B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,
12 by striking “the joint committee bill” and in-
13 serting “that joint committee bill”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “The
15 joint committee bill” and inserting “Any joint
16 committee bill”;

17 (3) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking
19 “the joint committee bill” each place it appears
20 and inserting “a joint committee bill”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “the
22 joint committee bill” the first place it appears
23 and inserting “a joint committee bill”;

24 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “The joint
25 committee bill” and insert “A joint committee bill”;

1 (5) in subsection (e)(1) in the matter preceding
2 subparagraph (A)—

3 (A) by striking “before passing the joint”
4 and inserting “before passing either joint”; and

5 (B) by striking “a joint committee bill”
6 and inserting “a related joint committee bill”;

7 (6) in subsection (f)(2)—

8 (A) by striking “the joint committee bill”
9 the first place it appears and inserting “a joint
10 committee bill”; and

11 (B) by striking “receives the joint com-
12 mittee bill” and inserting “receives the related
13 joint committee bill”;

14 (7) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “the joint
15 committee bill” and inserting “a joint committee
16 bill”; and

17 (8) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in the
19 case of a joint committee bill that was intro-
20 duced pursuant to subsection (a)(1)” before the
21 semicolon; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, in the
23 case of any joint committee bill that was intro-
24 duced pursuant to subsection (a)” before the
25 period.

1 (d) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—In the
2 table of contents in section 1(b) of the Budget Control
3 Act of 2011, the item relating to title IV is amended to
4 read as follows:

“TITLE IV—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEFICIT REDUCTION,
JOB CREATION, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH”.